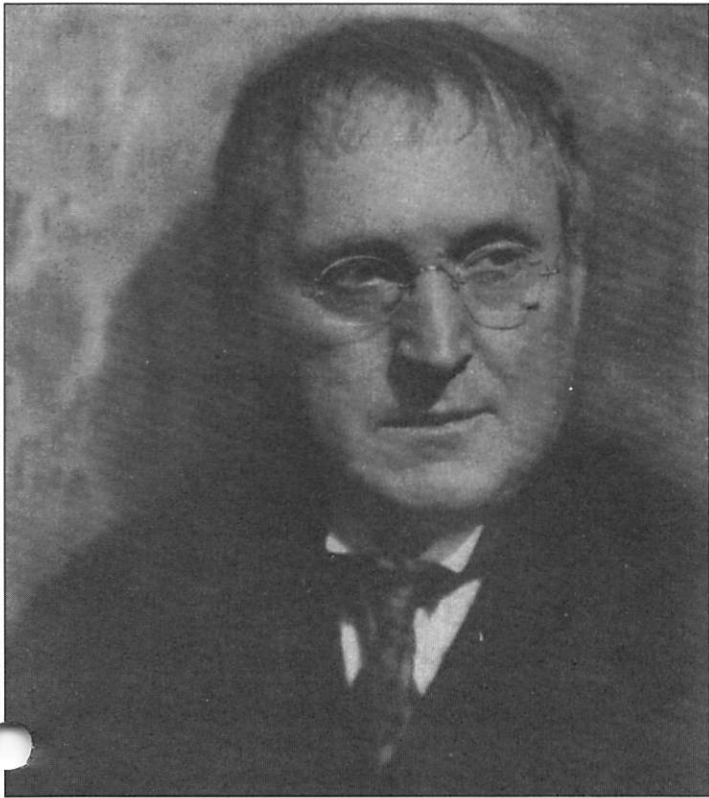


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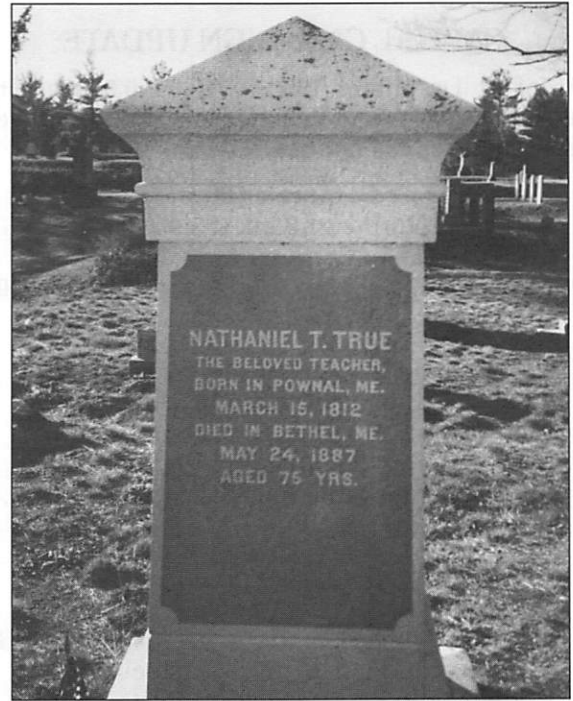
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HENRY THEOPHILUS FINCK: BETHEL, MAINE, ENTHUSIAST

Henry T. Finck, prolific author and music critic, was born in Bethel, Missouri, the fourth of Henry C. and Beatrice (Fink) Finck's children. His parents were German immigrants, who settled in Bethel, Missouri, where they met. His father gave young Henry a cello when he was seven, which undoubtedly began a life devoted to music. His mother's death when Henry was still a boy led his father to move the family to Oregon. A precocious child, Finck entered Harvard as a sophomore, where he majored in philosophy and psychology, but practiced his piano in the basement of University Hall. Following graduation, he traveled widely, particularly in Europe and became familiar with many in the music world. He soon began writing on music for a number of publications, including the *Atlantic Monthly*, *The Nation*, *New York World*, and the *New York Evening Post*. He served the latter publication for over forty years as music critic. He authored nearly twenty books on psychology, anthropology, music, and travel. His autobiography, *My Adventures in the Golden Age of Music*, published just after his death in 1926, records his encounters with many of the famous musicians and literati of the day. He spent many summers at Miss Locke's on the Sunday River, which he called "End of the World" in his autobiography, before buying the house now owned by Society members Norman and Sylvia Clanton in the Mayville section of Bethel.



The Dr. Nathaniel Tuckerman True monument at Bethel's historic Woodland Cemetery, which is being transformed back to its original garden cemetery look, is one of many points of interest in this remarkable burial ground. Dr. True was Bethel's first historian and the founder of Gould Academy.

Finck was a great enthusiast for his adopted Bethel. His literary productivity seemed to thrive there, where he wrote most of his books. He attributed his success to "the health-giving exhilarating air of the Maine mountains." He testified in his autobiography that a friend who arrived in Bethel exhausted in two weeks would "improve in appearance till we could hardly recognize them." To Finck, east of the Rockies "Maine is undoubtedly our most health-giving state for summer visitors."

The esteemed music critic was convinced that the mountains in the Bethel area made the difference. He recorded: "We used to get up at five, drive to the foot of one of the mountains: Speckle, Saddleback, Barker, Locke and the rest of them, indulge in a feast of blueberries big as cherries, and then enjoy the grand views and the intoxicating air of the summit."

During Finck's years on the Sunday River, he recalled hearing the shouts of the log drivers as they moved wood downstream. This reminded him of his Oregon years and was music to his ears.

Finally, Finck had one further tie with this area. He was devoted to Miss Locke's dog Shep, who was his constant companion during those summers in Sunday River. He vividly recalled in *Golden Age*, "When he lay curled up before me as I wrote, the mere sight of his glorious form and fur often moved me to tears." SRH



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Adaline Clough

MEMBER PROFILE

Adaline Clough

Adaline Clough was born in West Sumner, Maine, the daughter of Rollin and Nellie (Garey) Stetson. She attended schools in Sumner, Hartford, Mason, and Bethel, graduating from Gould Academy in 1945. She also graduated from Pelletier Beauty Culture School in Lewiston.

In 1947, she married Emerson Clough and they purchased a house on the Flat Road in Bethel, where they still reside. Here they raised their four children. They now have seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She and her husband joined the John Clough Genealogical Society in 1967, where they have been active ever since. Adaline served as Bulletin Editor for ten years after five years as Assistant Bulletin Editor. She also was Librarian of the Clough Society for a dozen years as well.

A member of the Bethel Historical Society since 1982, she has volunteered at least once a week to help researchers in the Research Library. She has also been very active in collecting data from Bethel's numerous cemeteries to keep that data base accurate and up-to-date.

Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, hunting, fishing, sewing, knitting, and genealogical research.

BOOK NOTE

RESEARCH GUIDE TO LOYALIST ANCESTORS: A DIRECTORY TO ARCHIVES, MANUSCRIPTS, PUBLISHED AND ELECTRONIC SOURCES (UPDATE AND REVISED) by Paul J. Bunnell. (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1999. \$19 + \$4 S & H. Book Number 31425).

Many members of the American public with colonial ancestry have Loyalist forebears. Because of the taint of disloyalty to the ideals of the American Republic established in 1776, this aspect of genealogy has not enjoyed the popularity it deserves. Until now, research aids in this field were sparse. Bunnell's GUIDE is intended to correct this deficiency. To accomplish this daunting task, the GUIDE lists most of the locations where Loyalist records may be found throughout the world, and the principal

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As we prepare to enter a new century, it is certainly a very exciting time for our Society.

The Robinson House campaign is moving ahead with great speed. We expect to burn the mortgage in 2000. We also plan to install a new roof on the main part of the building, repoint the chimneys, upgrade the electrical system in the older portion of the building, and secure the services of an architect to complete conceptual drawings.

We also are working to complete our Museum Assessment Program (MAP III) in 2000, a self-assessment devoted to audience development for the Society. This grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is administered by the American Association of Museum, includes funds for the services of two museum professionals to visit our organization and assess our situation and make recommendations to expand our audience. This will help us attract more visitors, new members and volunteers, increase our collections, and gain more support for all we do from individuals, businesses, and foundations.

The challenge of the capital campaign continues. We need additional gifts to make our concept of a Regional History Center focusing on Northern New England a reality. We are working to create a greater awareness of our goals and raise the necessary funds to build the facility. We hope that all members and friends will help where they can. Again, my thanks to all who have made gifts and pledged support. Together, we will make all this happen.

Alvin Barth, President

(Book Note)

records and materials available at these sites, which are arranged geographically. This allows the researcher to review the holdings of each facility. The published sources are widely available; many of the manuscript documents have been microfilmed and can be obtained through inter-library loan. Contact information is also provided for Loyalist historical and genealogical societies, Loyalist associations and periodicals, publishers of Loyalist material and Loyalist historical sites to visit when traveling. This revised edition has been updated to include many new sources, including numerous internet listings.

Paul Bunnell has spent many years researching his Loyalist ancestry and that of others. This book is designed to assist other researchers to get to the heart of the Loyalist experience quickly and efficiently.

DIARY OF WILLIAM S. HASTINGS

(continued from the last issue)

1936--September 1, Cloudy and cold. Windy. Left camp at 7:30 for Lots 12 & 13, Range 10. Cruised lots and returned to camp at 1:30. Home again at 6. September 2, Clear and warm. Clouding up. Mowed more 2nd crop. Got 2 loads 2nd crop. Helped Jorgen set up silo in his barn. Took Ruth, Barbara, Ed to Norway to meet Emmie and Lauri. Bill



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and I came home at 9:30. Some day! September 3, Raining. Finished the silo. Started a trailer. Bob on Soil Conservation. September 4, Clear and warm. Started the barn roof. Steel roof over the old shingles. Norway with Bill and Rodney in p.m. September 5, Warm. Put on rest of steel roof. Harrowed in p.m. Uncle John came. September 6, Clear and hot. Put on ridge roll and lightning rods. Church in p.m. September 7, Clear-clouding. Mowed oats. Got a 2nd crop. Threshed all day for Farwells. Got 2 loads for Dave. Hot and muggy. September 8, Threshed for Dave. September 9, Cloudy most of time. Threshing our oats and Trasks. Not much help from the neighbors. September 10, Cloudy, Finished threshing our oats. Dug 50 bu. spuds. Good crop. Listed \$1.95 per cwt. 260 bu.oats. September 11, Cloudy. Dug spuds 23 bu. F. & G. [Fish and Game] Meeting at B. Pond. September 12, Rain. Took down staging on barn. Repaired, etc. September 13, Clear. Went to Cousin Edwards for cranberries [Fryeburg]. Got 1 bu. September 14, +32, Clear. Slight frost. Cut 2/3 of Kato Korn. Dug spuds. 80+ bu. Voted in evening. State went Republican. Hooray!! September 15, +38, Cloudy. South wind. Cut in ensilage. Filled silo up to the plate. Got Bob ready for Portland. September 16, Fair and hot! Mowed buckwheat. Harrowed Ephraim Piece. Bob in Portland. September 17, Clear and warm. Dressed poultry. Dug spuds. September 18, Cloudy. Dug spuds and weighed 'em, 115 bu. Norway in p.m. Picked 2 1/2 bu. tomatoes at Mrs. Foster's. Rain at night. September 19, Clear and cool. Picked corn all day for Farwell's. Horses shod. Picked up 5 bu. tomatoes on ours. 2 doz. plants. September 20, Greenwood in a.m. Home at 3:30. Got 2nd crop and cut the rest of the Kato. September 21, Cloudy. Cut in all our corn. Silo is full. Moved to Farwells about 11 a.m. In p.m. we filled his silo over half full. 16 to 20 men working but I put all the fodder on the table with the help of the teamsters. September 22, Cloudy. Finished Farwell's silo. Worked on plan for cemetery. Cemetery meeting in eve. I'm on the committee to get the fence and put it up. September 23, Fair and hot!!! Pulling weeds in a.m. 3 acres. Mowed 2nd crop in p.m. September 24, Cloudy and windy. South wind. Dug spuds all day. Weighed up a load for Bob. Rain in eve. Weather changed. West wind and cold. September 25, Cold and windy. Cut corn for Jorgen. Crew cutting in Ceylon's ensilage. September 26, Heavy frost. First frost. Cut in Jorgen's ensilage 2 hours. Mowed 2nd crop in p.m. September 27, Cloudy and cool. Greased car, etc. School reunion in p.m. I was president. Good program. 125 people there. Collection \$4.46. Mailing cards \$1. Light rain at night. September 28, Cool and windy. Sawed and hauled 8 1/2 cords of wood to schoolhouse. September 29, Nice day. Started digging potatoes. 51 bbl. 2 loads 2nd crop. September 30, +23, Hard Frost. Nice day. Digging on Henry piece. 90 bbl. October 1, Rain in a.m. Put up spuds. Norway in p.m. for my back which was "started out." Not serious. This is our 13th wedding anniversary. October 2, Clear and cool. Started for Aroostook County at 5:45 via Route 2. Bangor about 1:30. Macwahoe at 3:15. Camped at State camp ground on Molunkus stream at 3:30. 210 miles. October 3, Clear and cold. Ice on water pail. Went north via Island Falls, Houlton, Easton, Presque, Caribou, Mars Hill, Van Buren, Madawaska and Fort Kent, then south via Eagle Lake, Portage, Ashland, Patten, Sherman to camp at 5:30. 319 miles. Saw the whole potato country. October 4, Clear and cold. Fine weather. Fixed flat. Started at 10:30 Macwahoe, Mattawamkeag, Enfield, Howland, La Grange, Milo, Dover Foxcroft, Dexter, Newport, Waterville, Augusta, Lewiston,

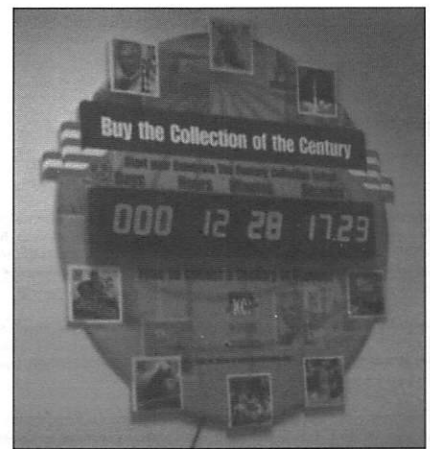
Norway and home at 6:30. Nice trip. October 5, Cloudy and cool. Digging. 180 bbl. About 1 1/2 acres on big piece. Some 14 1/2 left on ours. October 6, Nice day. Dug 224 bbl. About 2 1/4 acres. October 7, Cloudy and rainy. Dug 73 bbl. Seed. Put up a load and Bob went with it to Hannaford Bros. Bob contracted for 500 bags at \$1.65 per. 99 cents per bag. October 9, Fair and hot. Dug 163 bbl. Graded up a load. October 10, Rain. Killed poultry and made a wagon pole. Went to Bethel. Bob in Portland. Spuds are 99 cents wholesale (top) \$1.25 to \$130 retail. October 11, Clearing, windy. Dad and our family went to Houghton and Summit on new road. Great view of lakes. Blowout on way home. October 12, Cold, windy. Dug 257 bbl. Bad day. 41 rows on long piece. F. & G. in eve. October 13, Clear and cool. 200 bbl. Put up load spuds. Finished big piece on Bean place, 49 1/2 bbl. Started Crow piece, 150 bbl. Sick all day, but worked. Sick all night. October 14, +14, Clear and cold. Sick in morning. OK in p.m. 197 bbl. October 15, Rain. Put up spuds. Bob in Portland. Butchering hog for John. Harrowed Eph piece till dark 6 p.m. October 16, Rain all day. South gale and beating rain. Lots of water fell. Bethel with produce. October 18, Clearing and cold. Fryeburg with Dad. October 19, Fair and cool. Finished digging our spuds 100 bbl. Moved to John's. Our total crop 6162 bu. or 2241 bbl. Two hours wiring New't barn. October 20, Warmer and cloudy. Dug rest of John's 165-170 bu. October 21, Cloudy. Hauling wood. Left at 11 a.m. for Umbagog Lake. Hunting with John and Grover [Brooks]. October 22, Hunting. No luck. October 23, Put up spuds. Rained all day. Norway in late p.m. October 24, Clearing and cooler. Dressed poultry. Put up spuds. Seed for Arthur Whitman, \$1.40 per bu. Bethel in p.m. Cold night. October 25, Uncle John went back to Mrs. Foster's. We went to Greenwood. Ruth's mother came up for a week. October 26, Rain. Put up spuds. Hauled 1 cord wood to Crockett. Sawed another. Colder at night. Windy. Pond froze over. October 27, +18 deg. Colder and windy. 2nd load wood to Lockes. Drained poultry water system. Put on double doors on Coburn cellar. Bob hauled load of spuds to Johnson. October 28, +8 deg. Clear and cold. Warming up. Finished manure. Hauled 2 loads stove wood. Bob gone on S.C.[soil conservation] work. Plowed in p.m. all of corn piece. October 29, +23 deg. Clear and cold. Put up spuds. Hauled wood. October 30, Cloudy and cool. Went to N. Lovell and ran line between Thomas and Lebaron. 70 X 80 rods to Lebaron. Set line over 6 rods 4 feet. Then went to Edward's camp. October 31, Clear and windy. Hunted in a.m. No luck. Came home in p.m. November 1, Cloudy. Greenwood in a.m. Put up 100 bu. spuds in p.m. November 2, Cloudy. Raining. Put up spuds until noon. Started at 2 p.m. for Upton. Hired a boat of Durkee and went to Tyler Cove in 55 min. Grover Books' camp. Raining at night. November 3, Cloudy. Showers. Took boat to Glaspie Cove. Hunted all day. Saw just two "flags." Snap shot at one but no chance. November 4, Raining lightly. Hunted 8 point. Shot a good doe way out on end of point near spring about 50 yds. from water. Got her with boat and motor. Came out in p.m. Hit a reef near Bear Island and sheered a pin. Rained all night. November 5, Clearing. November 6, Put up spuds. November 7, Hauled manure. Bethel trip. November 8, Cloudy. Opened silo. Stored farm machinery. Hauled in some buckwheat. November 9, Clear and windy. Sawed wood for Gramp Crockett. Plowed on Eph. piece. November 10, Cloudy and squally. Sawed wood. Put up spuds. November 11, Cold. Put up spuds. November 12, Fair and cool. Hauled wood all day. November 13, Clear and warm. Ruth and I took a load of spuds to Hannaford. \$1.70 a cwt. Shopped some. November 14, Clear and warm. Hauled

wood all day. Bob in Portland. Took off screens. November 15, Clear and warm. Went to Greenwood. Back in time for church. I installed a time switch on the henhouses. November 16, +31/+12, Warm, changed quick to cold and windy. Snow squalls. Hauled wood. Banked Coburn bulkhead. Bethel for haircut. Put on double windows. November 17, +9, Clear and cold. Sawed pulp. Chicken pie supper at So. Paris in eve. November 18, +5, Cold and windy. Put up spuds. Sawed pulp. November 19, Cold and windy. Sawed pulp. November 20, Cloudy and cold. Went to Portland after fixing flat tire on truck. Left at 11 a.m. Hannafords at 2:30 p.m. Bot [sic] new wiper for windshield. Snowed a little. November 21, Clear and warm. Snow melting. Yarded pulp in a.m. Sawed in p.m. Two warm to work. November 22, +32, Cloudy and warm. Cruised woodlots in Lots 9 & 10 Range 9. Swamped road in L 10 R 9. November 24, Cold and snowing a little. Housed harrow, etc. Put up spuds. November 25, Cold and cloudy Dressed poultry. Fixed road. Hunted., no luck. Lots of fox trax [sic]. November 26, Snowing about 2 in. Thanksgiving Day. Hunted in p.m. No luck. November 27, +15, Clear and cool. Bob in Portland. Hunted in a.m. Put up spuds in p.m. November 28, -7, Clear and frosty. Snowing in p.m. -21 deg. at store in Bethel. Winter oil in motor. Light oil in transmission. Banked house. Pictures at Lockes Mills. No crowd. November 29, Cloudy. Left for Umbagog Lake hunting. Grover, John, Rodney, Clifford and myself. Snow on ground. Lots of deer sign. November 30, Cold and clear, windy. Hunted "B" swamp. No luck. In p.m. drove "B" point. Got 2 deer. Hauled "em from "B" cove to Lakeside 5 miles on ice. Tough trip! Came ashore at 6:25 p.m. Started at 3:10 p.m. Wind and snow. Dark for last 3 miles. Home at 10:30 p.m. December 1, Cold and clear. Skinned and cut up deer. Put up spuds. Bob in Portland. Potatoes jumped to \$2.10=\$2.15. December 2, Light snow. Hauling wood. Repaired hen houses. Bethel with Grover's share of meat in the evening. Snowed hard 6 in. +. December 3, Rain and warm. Water everywhere. Testing hens in a.m. Put in Coburn cellar drain in p.m. Also made road on Swift Place Flat. Cooler at night. December 4, Cloudy and cool. Light snow. Dressed poultry. Got sleds out. Bethel with produce. Norway with Billy. Roads are slippery. Potatoes quoted \$2.25 and \$2.35. December 5, Cloudy and cool. Bethel to get Dad's glasses changed. In p.m. hauled wood and made a shutter for hen house. December 6, Snowing lightly. Cool. Went to Greenwood. Snowed harder night and turned to rain. Edward is sick with cold. December 7, Clearing and colder. Hauled manure to Eph piece on sleds. Bethel in p.m. Got truck from Garage. New ring job. Colder. December 8, -8 deg. Clear and cold. Finished manure. Loaded Bob for Portland. Swamped road on pulp lot. December 9, -8 deg. Clear and cold. Clouded up. Loading truck with potatoes and backed it up into Coburn Cellar. I went with a Fish Hatchery truck and put 1000 trout in Otter Brook, 1000 in Twitchell Brook, 1000 in Ames Brook and 1000 in Sanborn River. Swamped road. December 10, Cold and raining. Bob

EDITOR'S CORNER

This issue has finally arrived at last. We are in the process of seeing if we can produce an entire issue with photographs, illustrations, and/or graphics entirely in-house.

If this project is successful, the next issue and all future issues should be out in a more timely manner. Thank you for your patience. SRH



The millennium clock at the Bethel Post Office counts down the last hours of the 1990s.

went to Portland. We put up spuds. December 11, Raining all day. Portland. Ruth and I did our xmas shopping. December 12, Clearing. Bob in Portland with spuds. Dad went to So. Paris. I dressed poultry and went to Bethel and did the chores. Roads are slippery. December 13, Cloudy, then clearing, stayed home. December 14, +10 deg. Clear and warm. Nice day. Sawed wood all day. 1 cord to Grange. 1 cord to Grover Brooks. 2 cords to Bob's cellar. Hauled 2 loads from woods. December 15, Clear and warm. Sawed wood all day. 1 cord to each cellar. 1 cord to Grover. 1 cord for John to Grover. December 16, Warm. Built bridge. Cut cordwood. December 17, Nice day. Rained in a.m. Put up spuds. Colder in p.m. December 18, Cold and windy. Bob in Portland. Worked in sled runner. Went to Norway in p.m. Billy goes again in 1 month (4 weeks). xmas tree at all for school. December 19, Cold and clouding up. Cut cordwood all day. December 20, +34 deg. Raining. Pouring! Warm. Regular flood! Water in cellars. Awful slippery! December 21, Clear and warm. Cutting cordwood. 7.58 in. of rain in Portland this month. At 10 in. snow 1 in. rain it would have been over 6 ft. of snow. All time record. The reservoirs of the river basins are all full. Chance of a good flood next spring. December 22, +6 deg. Cold and windy. Put up spuds. Cut cordwood. Broke hammer. Colder at night. December 23, +4 deg. Cold and windy. Bob in Portland. Cut cordwood. Broke a hammer handle. December 24, +8 deg. Fair and warm. Cut cordwood all day. Slow job. Lauri and Emmie and David came up in eve. December 25, Warm and cloudy. Christmas Day. Ruth's folks came up except Bill. Lots of presents. Went to Greenwood with folks. "It's de-lovely." Snowing at night. December 26, Cloudy and storming lightly. Cut cordwood in a.m. Finished sled runner in p.m. Ad Thurston came up and shod the horses. December 27, Clearing and warm. Made some sights for my small compass. Works ok. Exercised horses. December 28, +48 deg. Warm! Snow has about all melted. Awfully icy. Hauling wood from Swift Place, sawing and hauling to Grover. 3 cords to Grover. 1 cord to Chris Bryant. Billy and I got haircuts. Colder at night. December 29, +10 deg. Cold and clear. Leslie Noyes started working for us. Cut cordwood all day. December 30, Cloudy and warmer. Cut cordwood and birch. Rain in p.m. after 2:30. Put up spuds. December 31, Rain and warm. Put up aerial for John. Worked in woods in a.m. Built steps to Coburn Place in p.m. Could work outdoors bare handed just like summer. New Year Watch at John's in eve.

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1999 AUDIT REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Bethel Historical Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 12
Bethel, ME 04217

Exhibit B

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position of Bethel Historical Society, (a nonprofit organization), as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of Bethel Historical Society.

A review consists principally of inquiries of organization personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Austin Associates, P.A.
AUSTIN ASSOCIATES, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Bethel Historical Society, Inc.

Statements of Activities

For The Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998

	1999	1998
Unrestricted Net Assets		
Support and Revenue:		
General contributions	\$ 17,100	\$ 14,771
Elderhostel	12,917	1,816
Grants	4,270	8,500
Dues	6,847	9,273
Admission and sales income	16,723	14,067
Capital campaign income	167,536	116,192
Rental income	810	17,825
Special event income	1,811	-0-
Investment income	22,382	21,660
Gain on sale of securities	124	15,524
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	(22,625)	15,204
Total unrestricted support and revenue	227,895	234,832
Expenses:		
Program services	42,606	39,441
Supporting services	90,991	62,848
	133,597	102,289
Increase in Net Assets	94,299	132,543
Net Assets, at beginning	754,932	622,389
Net Assets, at end	\$ 849,231	\$ 754,932

See accountants' review report.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit A

Bethel Historical Society, Inc.

Statements of Financial Position

For The Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998

	1999	1998
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$144,844	\$ 86,639
Inventory	23,273	25,603
Total current assets	218,117	162,242
Land, Building and Equipment	685,505	685,505
Less: Accumulated depreciation	299,865	281,515
	385,640	403,990
Other Assets:		
Investments--Marketable securities	343,929	356,647
Certificates of deposit	50,000	50,000
Total other assets	393,929	406,647
Total assets	\$947,686	\$922,879
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 978	\$ 7,918
Accrued expenses	1,195	823
Note payable	30,000	30,000
Total current liabilities	32,173	38,741
Long-Term Liabilities--Notes payable	66,282	129,206
Total liabilities	98,455	167,947
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	846,186	751,887
Temporarily restricted	3,045	3,045
Total net assets	849,231	754,932
Total liabilities and net assets	\$947,686	\$922,879

See accountants' review report.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit C

Bethel Historical Society, Inc.

Statements of Functional Expenses

For The Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998

	1999	1998
	Program Services	Supporting Services
Advertising	\$ -0-	\$ 156
Bank charges	221	-0-
Bookkeeping expense	1,927	-0-
Building repairs	-0-	1,391
Course fees	-0-	-0-
Depreciation	7,500	10,850
Director's expense	-0-	300
Dues	-0-	586
Fund raising expenses	-0-	23,363
Grant expense	-0-	2,552
Heat, lights and water	7,538	-0-
Insurance	4,525	3,330
Interest	11,079	-0-
Janitorial services	1,117	-0-
Merchandise for resale	-0-	11,656
Miscellaneous	5,937	-0-
Office supplies and printing	352	3,164
Postage	261	2,352
Professional fees	-0-	-0-
Salaries	1,770	27,730
Suppliers	-0-	150
Taxes	243	2,190
Telephone	136	1,221
Total expenses	\$42,606	\$90,991

See accountants' review report.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Bethel Historical Society, Inc.
Statements of Cash Flows
For The Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998

Exhibit D

	1999	1998
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Increase in net assets	\$ 94,299	\$ 132,543
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	18,350	16,041
(Gain) loss on sale of marketable securities	(124)	(15,524)
Unrealized (gain) loss on change in value of marketable securities	22,625	(15,204)
Decrease in operating assets--Inventory	2,330	7,119
Decrease in operating liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(6,568)	(6,074)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>130,912</u>	<u>118,901</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	-0-	(250,000)
Receipt of securities	(148,762)	(63,261)
Proceeds from sale of securities	<u>138,979</u>	<u>76,905</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(9,783)</u>	<u>(236,356)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from loans	-0-	250,000
Loan repayments	<u>(62,924)</u>	<u>(119,794)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(62,924)</u>	<u>130,206</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	58,205	12,751
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at beginning	<u>86,639</u>	<u>73,888</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at end	<u>\$ 154,844</u>	<u>\$ 86,639</u>

Disclosure of Accounting Policy

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

See accountants' review report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Bethel Historical Society, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statement
For The Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies

Organization's activities:

The Organization is a historical society located in Bethel, Maine.

Basis of presentation:

In 1996, the Organization elected to adopt Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: Unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a statement of cash flows.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets--Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets--Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently restricted net assets--Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

Inventories:

Inventories are stated at lower of cost or market value, with cost generally determined on the first-in, first-out method.

Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give, due in the next year, are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give, due in subsequent years, are reported at the present value of their net realizable value, using risk-free interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received.

Bethel Historical Society, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Land, building and equipment:

Major acquisitions of property are capitalized at cost. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Minor additions and replacements are treated as expenses of the current unrestricted fund.

Income taxes:

No provision for income taxes has been made due to the Organization's tax exempt status under IRC Section 501(C)(3).

Use of estimates:

The Organization uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTE 2: Concentration of Credit Risk for Cash Held at Financial Institutions

The Organization maintains cash balances at local financial institutions. Accounts at such institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000.

NOTE 3: Land, Building and Equipment

	1999	Cost	1998
Building	\$578,621		\$578,621
Improvements	57,509		57,509
Equipment	<u>49,375</u>		<u>49,375</u>
	<u>\$685,505</u>		<u>\$685,505</u>

NOTE 4: Investments--Marketable Securities

Investments are stated at market value using specific identification. Cost is the purchase cost of the security or the market value on the date that the security was contributed:

	1999	Market	1998	Market
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
Stocks	\$ 85,460	\$137,660	\$101,121	\$168,717
Bonds	203,214	198,970	181,667	184,652
Cash management account	<u>7,299</u>	<u>7,299</u>	<u>3,278</u>	<u>3,278</u>
	<u>\$295,973</u>	<u>\$343,929</u>	<u>\$286,066</u>	<u>\$356,647</u>

NOTE 4: Investments--Marketable Securities (Continued)

The net unrealized gains on marketable securities for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998 were \$47,956 and \$70,581, respectively.

NOTE 5: Note Payable

	1999	1998
Northeast Bank--Note payable with interest payable monthly at the National Prime Rate per annum, secured by land and buildings located in Bethel, Maine, matures May 2003	<u>\$96,282</u>	<u>\$159,206</u>

Scheduled principal payments on the above note payable are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Amount
2000	\$30,000
2001	30,000
2002	30,000
2003	<u>6,282</u>
	<u>\$96,282</u>

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THE BETHEL SOLDIERS OF '61

*From the pages of the Oxford Advertiser,
26 November 1886, compiled by
Judge C. F. Whitman of Norway*



During the fourth of July 1863, the day following the great battle of Gettysburg, the rain fell in torrents and under cover to the storm Lee began the movement to back into Virginia.

The next day our troops were in motion after him. He was not vigorously followed however, and finally succeeded in getting across the Potomac River and into his own works. As these were in every part of the state any point he chose to occupy would come truthfully under this statement.

The 5th Maine and 121st N.Y. regiments were sent to the front and before the enemy had crossed the river a part of these commands with others had a short but sharp fight in which Lieut. John A. Packard and several others of the Maine soldiers were wounded.

At Williamsport the Rebels were again attacked and beaten. On the 26th of the month, the regiment went into camp in a pretty location just outside the village of New Baltimore. While here, one of the saddest incidents occurring in army life took place. Thomas Jewett, a young man about twenty-five years of age and a private in Co. D, 5th Maine, was shot by sentence of General Court Martial "for aggravated desertion." The whole division was drawn up on three sides of a square to witness the execution. The procession was arranged with a guard at its head, next six soldiers detailed for shooting, then came the culprit in an open cart seated upon his coffin and attended by a chaplain, while another guard brought up the rear. When the procession started the drum corps of each regiment began playing the death march, "the most melancholy and soul-depressing piece of music ever written upon five bars." As Jewett passed the men of the 5th Maine he waved to his comrades and said, "Goodbye boys." "Goodbye Jewett" was the response. Firm and stouthearted, he went to his death. When all was ready and he had been blindfolded, he knelt upon his coffin and the signal being given, the muskets were discharged and he fell without a groan. One musket contained a blank cartridge, so that the executioners might not know who actually did the shooting. After all the troops which witnessed the execution had marched past it, the body was placed in its "short subterranean cabin" and deposited in its resting place.

On the morning of the 5th of October, the whole corps was ordered out on picket near the Rapidian. It remained here nearly a week when a backward movement was made. Nearly a month was occupied in these marches and counter marches, when on the sixth of November orders were given to the several commands to be in readiness to move on Rapphannock Station at an early hour on the following morning. At seven o'clock the troops were under way and in six hours they arrived in the vicinity of the station. Their march had been through a heavily wooded country but they had now come out into an opening stretching away a mile or more to the Rapphannock River and for several miles up and down its banks. From the edge of the woods to the bank of the river was ascending around. Two forts were erected by the enemy in which was a battery of ten pound guns for half a mile in front of the forts were breast-works and rifle pits. The soldiers saw that they were full of men. These works had before their arrival been stormed by a portion of our troops in which the 6th Maine regiments, as excellent a body of soldiers as ever went forth

to battle, but had been repulsed. And here let us mention in passing that at the second battle of Fredericksburg when Marye's Heights were stormed and carried, as the smoke of battle cleared from the position where the soldiers of the 5th Maine stood watching the charge, they saw the flag of the 6th Maine ahead of all the advancing colors.

The brigade in which was the 5th Maine and the 121st New York was at this time under the command of Col. Emory Upton of the latter regiment. At three o'clock they were formed in line of battle and moved forward to within five hundred yards of the enemy's works while the 6th Maine and the 5th Wisconsin were charging another part of his line, which resulted in securing an important foothold in the rifle pits. The former regiment lost sixteen officers and one hundred and twenty three men killed and wounded. Night closed in upon the scene.

"Up rode our gallant Upton, then said he my onesters true,
The third Brigade has got a prize and there is one for you.
We're going now to charge those works;
I know you'll win the fight,
or I shall be there with you and the Fifth Maine on the right."

It was dark as midnight between eight and nine o'clock. When Upton gave the order to charge. The 5th Maine presented a single line of battle and its Colonel was there to lead his brave boys to victory. The 121st New York presented a shorter front, as it was formed "in close column by Divisions." Less than six hundred men were in line when the order to advance was given.

"Forward the Light Brigade,
Charge for the guns, he said,
Into the valley of death
Marched the six hundred."

Scarcely had they reached within a dozen rods of the rifle pits when a picket fired a musket at the advancing column. "The Yankees are upon us, fire," yelled a Rebel officer inside the works. Quick as a flash of the pickets gun, Col. Edwards ordered his men upon the ground while a shower of Rebel bullets passed harmlessly over their heads.

"Now give them the bayonet. Double-quick, charge," shouted Upton. With sword in hand Col. Edwards led his men over the embankment into the pits. "Forward my brave boys," he cried. "We surrender. Quarter. Quarter," was heard on every side. Taken at a disadvantage they no doubt thought that the whole Union Army was upon them. Men were detailed to take the prisoners to the rear and were left. Col. Edwards, however, was not the man when it possibly could be avoided. With a squad of men, whose number could be counted on the fingers of one hand, he bore down upon the right of our line and soon found himself confronted with a long line of Rebel troops in rifle pits. "Where is the officer in command of these troops?" it was demanded. "Here," said the commanding officer of the brigade coming forward. "Who are you, sir?" "Col. Edwards of the 5th Maine and I demand your surrender." "I wish to confer with my superior officers," he said. "Not a moment sir" was the reply. "Don't you see my men advancing?" said he pointing to a large body of prisoner who were being taken over an eminence to the rear. From their position it was impossible to tell whether they were advancing toward them or going the other way. "Your retreat is cut off. Forward the 5th Maine and 121st New York," shouted Col. Edwards. "I surrender," replied the

Rebel officer. "Order your men to lay down their arms and pass to the rear with this guard." Thus was captured Stonewall Jackson's old brigade of Louisiana Tigers. The officer who surrendered first was allowed to retain his sword. The swords of the others were gathered in.

Martin of Rumford at one time had seventeen swords in his arms which were taken at this time. Some of them may now be seen among the trophies of Col. Edwards at Bethel.

When the first Buckfield Company was organized two Frost brothers from Peru joined it but when it was disbanded they went to Mechanic Falls and enlisted in the 5th Maine in Capt. Buckhan's Co. K. In the charge at Rapphannock Station one them was killed. The other promptly moved forward and took his brother's place till the fighting was over when he asked and obtained permission to go back and recover the body and pay his last sad respects to the remains.

Another private by the name of Bumpus was among the first to go over the works. He seized a Rebel captain hurled him down the embankment, jumped upon him and taking by the hair of the head made him surrender as a prisoner of war.

Lieut. Wm. A. Tubbs of Hebron, one of the finest officers in the whole regiment, was killed while leading his men. In all, seven were killed and twenty-eight wounded. Scarcely a gun was fired on our side. The men used the bayonet.

Besides the swords already spoken of several Rebel battle flags were captured more than twelve hundred prisoners were taken. It was a glorious victory and no small parts of the credit was due to the brave colonel of the 5th Maine.

The following is his congratulatory address to his men: Headquarters Fifth Maine Regiment, November 18, 1862, General Order No. 31. The Colonel commanding this regiment desires to tender to the officers and men of this command his sincere thanks for the bravery and gallantry displayed by them at the recent battle of "Rapphannock Station" on the seventh inst. Directed by superior authority to charge to charge one of the most formidable entrenchment of the enemy, exposed to his murderous fire, plunging into the works so unexpectedly, especially after a hard and tedious march, the firmness with which every member of this command moved forward in the valorous and energetic

execution of his whole duty, neither faltering or wavering for a moment, the resolute manner and soldier-like conduct of each and every man, call for a special thanks from the regimental commander who has been thus nobly supported in one of the most fearless and illustrious achievements of the war, gaining to each one the lasting plaudits and honors of an appreciative public. Under the cover of night, ignorant of what was before you, you charged the enemy in his pits, sweeping all before you, and though the first rumors published in our papers have not accorded you full justice, yet the Colonel commanding assures you that we all shall be done that is possible to award you due honors of your unquestionable gallantry. Over that portion of the enemy's works, which you so chivalrously carried, were found small arms, and to this regiment is indisputably awarded the honors of capturing four stands of colors, one cassion, besides many hundreds of prisoners.

You have contributed everything within your power, facing the cannon's mouth, indifferent to your personal welfare, following the standard of your nationality unhesitatingly determined upon the downfall of traitors to your country, your flag, to your prided institutions, to mantle the Fifth Maine Regiment with imperishable honor and glory, in a word to make the command what it is. All honor to all the officers and men of this regiment's honor which to you is individually due, justly and nobly won.

And while we are permitted to enjoy the laurels which the gallantry of the regiment has won, let us not forget those noble and self-sacrificing comrades, who, fearing nothing, rushed on with the word "victory" upon the lips, till the fatal missiles of death cut them down in the very moment of our triumph. Forget not the example of the gallant French, who lying wounded and in the very agonies of death, cried out, "Don't stop for me, boys, but on, on." Nor forget others all known to you who though suffering from the most a groan, smiling amid their agony as they listened to the victorious shouts of their comrades. Sacrificed on the altar of our country, let us cherish their memories, emulate their examples, and glory will wreath our histories. By order of Clark S. Edwards, Col., Commd'g Regt. Geo. W. Bicknell 1st Lieut. and Adjutant

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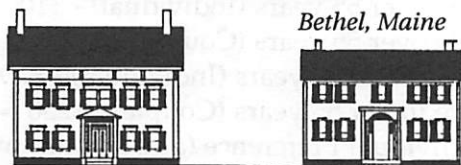
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